

## **Jim Lorraine, Lt Col, USAF, NC (Retired)**

Mr. Jim Lorraine served 22 years in the Air Force as a flight nurse and leader in military operations in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Somalia, Honduras, El Salvador, Haiti, Kenya, Cambodia, Afghanistan, and Iraq. As a staff officer, Mr. Lorraine served as Chief of Aeromedical Evacuation at Air Mobility Command, Joint Special Operations Command, and Fellow to the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff. He retired in 2005 as the Deputy Command Surgeon for the United States Special Operations Command.

Upon military retirement, Mr. Lorraine became a civil servant and founding Director of the United States Special Operations Command Care Coalition. This warrior (military and veteran) advocacy organization recognized by Congress, the White House, and the Department of Defense as the federal government gold standard for serving over 8,000 special operations forces and their families. During his leadership of the Care Coalition, Jim concurrently served as Special Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff for Warrior and Family Support.

Following government service, Jim became the founding President of America's Warrior Partnership. America's Warrior Partnership supports nine communities throughout the United States intending to improve the quality of life for Warriors, their families, and their communities. Since beginning initial community work in June 2011, these efforts have had a positive impact on over 60,000 warriors with communities reducing homelessness, attaining 90% completion rates of those using the GI Bill, deeply reducing unemployment, and improving access to earned services as well as helping thousands of warriors who are successfully transitioning to civilian life find purpose after military service.

In addition to his degree from Syracuse University, Mr. Lorraine holds a Master's degree in Cyber Management from Webster University. He is a *2015 Presidential Leadership Scholar* and a member of the *Department of Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee for Disability Compensation* and the *Department of Labor's Federal Advisory Committee on Veteran Employment, Training, and Employer Outreach*. Jim has testified to both the United States House and Senate Veterans Affairs Committees regarding the future and potential of veterans programs.

His military awards include the Bronze Star Medal, Secretary of Defense Outstanding Civilian Medal, and the United States Special Operations Command Medal.